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**MSC:blp (10 June 1963)**

**The Honorable Robert S. McNamara**  
**The Secretary of Defense**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

**Dear Bob:**

**Following up on the JCS meeting with you this afternoon,**  
**I have instructed Jim Cunningham of my Office of Special Activities**  
**to get in touch with your General Brown to assist in preparation of**  
**the additional information you requested.**

**In looking over the various uses to which the U-2 aircraft**  
**is put, there appear to be five operational missions which require**  
**our priority consideration. They are:**

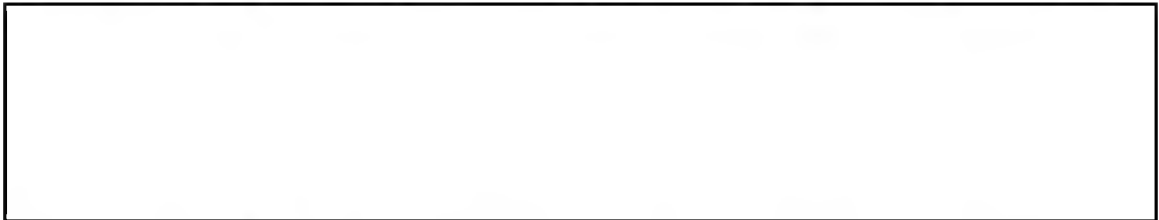
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The SAC overflights of

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Cuba are overt with military pilots and military-marked aircraft.

I am in complete agreement that except for the covert operations conducted by CIA, there should be a high degree of interchangeability and flexibility in the utilization of available U-2 aircraft and available pilots. It would also appear appropriate to



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denied-territory operations. I am having my staff work up cost estimates on this basis. I can support on the basis of CIA requirements the modifications of three such aircraft.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone  
Director